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# LIBERTY LINK

*A Newsletter for Liberty Lake Citizens*

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## THINK SPRING!

### MAYOR'S MESSAGE

We made it through the record breaking snow season! Now it is time to focus back on creating opportunities to stretch your budget. When the community expressed a need for more space in the Library, we turned the dream into a reality! We have come in under budget, paid for the building in full and took care of three needs all at once (more space for our Library, permanent home for Public Safety, and extra space in our current City Hall). Come utilize the free books, movies and programs that your library offers; there's no better way to spend quality time with your family than Family Game Night!

We hear all about how the state of the economy is currently in a slump. The City of Liberty Lake has partnered up with STCU to offer free Financial Seminars. Please join us for our upcoming dinner and learn sessions: "Investing on a Shoestring" on March 19<sup>th</sup>, "Becoming Debt Free" on May 21<sup>st</sup> and "Restoring Your Credit Score" on Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>. Giving each of us an opportunity to make more of what we bring in.

We have an incredible community of residents helping each other out. Look at the countless stories of our local snow angels! The silver lining is you!

*Mayor Wendy Van Orman*

### FINANCIAL SEMINARS

By Jamie Dedmon

Business Development Officer STCU

Tough economic times call for wise financial information about investments, debt and credit. Of course, it helps if that information comes with a FREE dinner.

STCU, through its Community Business Partner Program, is offering a series of Dinner & Learn seminars in partnership with the City of Liberty Lake. That means you can get great advice from the experts, and dinner too, all at no cost. These FREE evening seminars run from 6:00pm—7:30pm at City Hall.

Come to one seminar, or come to all three, but please RSVP at least a day in advance (contact information on pg 2).

#### Seminar #1

Thursday, March 19<sup>th</sup>

*"Investing on a Shoestring."*

What can you do with only \$1,000? What can you do with \$100? Where do you start if you're new to investing? And how can you keep your investment expenses low so that more of your money works for you? If you've asked these questions, then this session is for you.

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### FINANCIAL SEMINARS

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#### **Seminar #2** **Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup>** **"Becoming Debt-Free."**

Learn practical tools that will help you eliminate debt with a short-, mid- and long-term plan to ease your obligations. Let's figure out your situation and create a solution that will help you achieve your financial goals.

#### **Seminar #3** **Thursday, Sept. 24<sup>th</sup>** **"Restoring Your Credit Score"**

Whoops! Did you just pull your credit score? And this was your first thought when you saw the numbers? Come to this session to learn about credit scores, the truth about what affects them, and what you can do to maintain the credit score you desire or repair a score that's less than stellar.

Dinners will served promptly at 6:00pm and sessions start at 6:15pm. Please RSVP at least a day in advance by calling City Hall at 755-6700. For further questions, contact Jamie Dedmon at [jamied@stcu.org](mailto:jamied@stcu.org) or 344-2152.

## NEXT SESSION

**"Investing on a shoestring"**  
**Thursday March 19<sup>th</sup>**  
**6:00—7:30pm**  
**RSVP by Mar 18<sup>th</sup>**  
**755-6700**



### CRIME CHECK RETURNS ARBORETUM UPDATE

#### **Crime Check** 456-2233

Need to report a CRIME?

Crime Check, the Spokane County funded center that handles non-emergency crime reporting, returned to service on January 5<sup>th</sup>. Citizens will once again be able to report non-emergency crimes 24 hours a day, 7 days a week by calling the original Crime Check number: (509) 456-2233.

If you need to get a hold of the Liberty Lake Police Department, call 755-6140 or the on duty officers' cell phone at 218-4899.

For all other emergency's call 911.



**NOTICE!** - The River District Specific Area Plan Overlay (SAP-08-0001) Planning Commission Public Hearing has been postponed, originally scheduled for March 11, 2009 at 4pm at City Hall. For more info call 755-6708 or visit the City website at: [http://www.libertylakewa.gov/development/public\\_notices.asp](http://www.libertylakewa.gov/development/public_notices.asp)

By Amanda Tainio

Planning & Building Services Manager

Many people have been wondering what the status is of the new Arboretum Project and how they can make a tree or other donation?

Unfortunately the Arboretum Project has been postponed due to budget. If you are still interested in donating a tree, bench, etc. for the Arboretum, please email Amanda: [atainio@libertylakewa.gov](mailto:atainio@libertylakewa.gov) or call 755-6708 with your name and phone number.

A list is currently being compiled for donations when the project resumes. If you would like more information on the City's donation policies, please see City Ordinance 168, Criteria for Accepting Donations for Parks, Facilities, and Recreation Programs. This information can be found at City Hall or on the City's website: <http://www.libertylakewa.gov>



### MEET YOUR STAFF

Hello, my name is Shawn Gilson and I am the new Planning Intern for the City of Liberty Lake. In 2007 I graduated from Eastern Washington University with a B.A. in Urban and Regional Planning. Some of my hobbies outside of work include numerous outdoor activities such as water sports, hiking, and walking my 2 dogs. I also enjoy spending time with friends and family. So far I have enjoyed my time here at Liberty Lake and look forward to helping make this a better place to live, work and play!



## RECREATION PROGRAMS

### NEW ONLINE SYSTEM

By Troy Mullenix

Recreation Coordinator

The City of Liberty Lake will be launching an all new system on our website soon. Users will now have the ability to do any of the following:

- Make a reservation for City-owned Facilities including Pavillion Park and soccer fields.
- Register for any Recreation Program or register multiple children for multiple programs.
- Make a payment by credit or debit card for any of the above.

Users will also have the ability to see current availability of City Facilities, and current enrollment for Recreation Programs. If you don't have access to the Internet, we will be adding an all new kiosk inside the City Hall lobby within the next month. Staff will be more than happy to assist first time users or those needing a little extra help.

## LEGO ROBOTICS IS BACK!

### RCX Mindstorm Challenge (RCX Session)

Mondays  
3:30-5:30pm

Apr 16  
Apr 23  
Apr 30

Ages 9-12  
\$49.00

### NXT Mindstorm Challenge (NXT Session)

Thursdays  
3:30-5:30pm

May 14  
May 21  
May 28

Ages 10-14  
\$49.00



Sign-up for both sessions for only \$85  
Register online or at City Hall.

Learn, play, build with LEGO Robotics!

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## Karate Classes

NEW @ The HUB

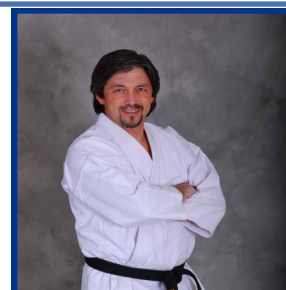
Exciting classes for all ages!

Every Monday thru Thursday starting March 16th

Only \$99 per month (16 classes!)

Register today online or at City Hall!

Special FREE Demonstrations March 7th (10am-2pm)  
Come check out all the action at the HUB!



"Traditional Okinawan Karate"  
Instructed by  
**Sensei Gene Villa**  
6th Degree Black Belt  
Goju-Ryu Karate-Do

## CHILL SUMMER CAMP 2009!



## CHILL Summer Camp 2009!

Registration is now open.

10 new & exciting weekly themes!

June 22-Aug 28

New hours (9:00-4:30\*)

\*optional late pick-up until 5:30

[www.libertylakewa.gov/chill](http://www.libertylakewa.gov/chill)

Register online or stop by City Hall  
Early Registration discounts until May 22nd.



# Q & A

## HOW TO SUBMIT A QUESTION?

One of my goals as Mayor of Liberty Lake is to be as open as I can and give answers to some questions you may have. Hence, this special Question and Answer section in our newsletter gives you the chance to get those questions answered directly by me. Please send questions you may have to:

[wvanorman@libertylakewa.gov](mailto:wvanorman@libertylakewa.gov).

I will try to answer most of your questions in upcoming newsletters. Until then, I look forward to meeting you.

## MAYOR VAN ORMAN



To read more Questions & Answers visit our NEW Q & A Web Page: [www.libertylakewa.gov/questions](http://www.libertylakewa.gov/questions)

### Q: "Why did we not join with the Spokane County Library system?"

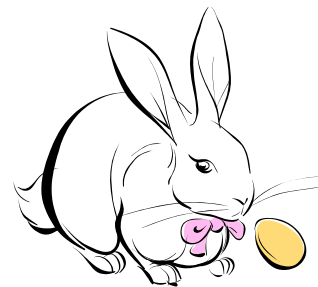
A: "We chose to go with our own Municipal Library in 2003 when a library branch in Liberty Lake was not possible. Our current funding brings us .50 per 1,000 in assessed value, which amounts to a budget of over \$400,000 and growing every year. Our hours, programs, and location better serve our patrons. If you haven't visited the Municipal Library, now is your chance with a grand opening to be in the first part of April. Come see and learn what we have to offer! You will be glad you did!"

### Q: "I read that the city is now part of the Regional Animal Control system of SCRAPS. What will this mean for us pet owners?"

A: "Our choice to join the Regional system was based on providing the best care for our pets as well as keeping us safe when warranted. When we chose to have our Police Department do the animal control in 2002, our population was approximately 4,500 in the city limits. We currently have 7,000 residents living here with an average of 2 pets per household. SCRAPS is trained to find and return our pets to us. The license fees help pay for the many programs set aside for spay and neutering programs as well as a great program for pet adoption. Having your pet greet you after a long day at work, whether it be a purr on your lap, a grin on their face or a tail wagging can uplift anyone's spirits! Please license your pets today!"

## EASTER EGG HUNT 09!

Coming up April 11<sup>th</sup> is the 2009 Community Egg Hunt. This year it will be held at Pavillion Park beginning at 11:00am.



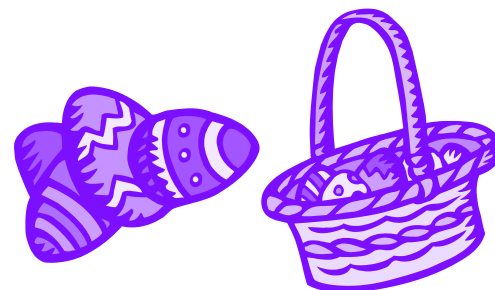
Registration for the Annual Liberty Lake Community Egg Hunt will take place on:

Saturday April 4<sup>th</sup> from 10-3pm  
Monday April 6<sup>th</sup>, from 3-8pm  
Thursday April 9<sup>th</sup>, from 3-8pm

Ages Toddler through 4<sup>th</sup> grade

Bring 6 eggs filled with wrapped candy or \$5.00 per family to City Hall.

\*Pictures with the Easter Bunny will be available on both Saturday and Monday during registration! Also, remember breakfast with the Easter Bunny sponsored by the Liberty Lake Kiwanis is on April 11<sup>th</sup> (the day of the hunt) at Liberty Lake Elementary for only \$5.00. Tickets are available at registration.



## NEW BUILDING UPDATE YOUTH ACTIVITIES

By Andrew Staples  
City Engineer

After months of construction, the Liberty Lake Municipal Library has moved into the new building. The Library's address is now 23123 E. Mission Ave; The phone number will remain the same. Here are some facts about the new Library:

- 8,500+ sq feet of space
- New Community Room
- New seating areas, a quiet room, study room, young adult corner, and a staff break room.



Street view of the Library from Mission Ave

By Tracy Rebstock  
Young Adult Librarian

Celebrate Teen Tech Week March 8<sup>th</sup> through the 14<sup>th</sup> at the Liberty Lake Municipal Library! The theme this year is Press Play at your library. We are now allowing Computer Gaming in the Library, come see Tracy about the kinds of games you can play. Would you like to learn how to use Flickr, Twitter, or YouTube? Come over to the Library and visit Tracy and she will show you at the new Internet Café! Also, get some homework help using Tutor.com during this week. If you do a session online with a tutor, bring in a copy of your session and enter to win a prize.

Younger kids in grades K-4<sup>th</sup> can also take advantage of the Homework Help contest during Teen Tech Week and enter to win a prize as well!

## Sing into Reading!

A family concert by Nancy Stewart

**Wednesday,  
March 4  
6:30 pm**

at the NEW Liberty Lake Library



*Join this national award winning children's entertainer and Northwest family favorite for a fun-filled concert of sing-along fun!*

Sponsored by:

**Central Valley Kindergarten PTO  
Best Western Peppertree  
Liberty Lake Municipal Library**

## LIBRARY PROGRAMS

### MARCH STORY TIMES AT THE LIBERTY LAKE LIBRARY

By Amy Dickeson  
Children's Librarian

Fridays and Saturdays  
10:30am

& Friday afternoons at 1:00pm

**Stories and Crafts**  
3 years and up

March 6, 7	Penguins
March 13, 14	St. Patrick's Day
March 20, 21	Silly Stories
March 27, 28	Monkeys

**Mondays**  
**10:15 and 11:00am**  
**Baby Laptime**  
Books, Rhymes, and Music  
Ages 9 months — 24 months

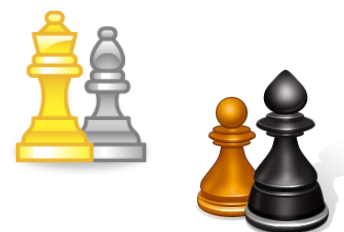
**Tuesdays**  
**10:30am**  
**Toddler/Preschool**  
**Story Time**  
Stories, music, and  
dramatic play  
18+ months

**Come see our new building!**

**Liberty Lake Municipal Library**

23123 E. Mission Ave Liberty Lake, WA 99019

Phone: 509-232-2510 Fax: 509-232-2512



**FAMILY GAME  
NIGHT!**

**Thursday Mar. 5<sup>th</sup>**  
**5:30-7:30pm**

# GET INVOLVED WITH THE CITY OF LIBERTY LAKE

## Tuesday, Mar 3<sup>rd</sup>

- City Council Meeting, 7pm, City Hall

## Wednesday, Mar 4<sup>th</sup>

- Kiwanis, 6:45am, City Hall
- Senior Lunch, 11am—1pm, Library
- SCOPE Meeting, 6:30pm, City Hall

## Thursday, Mar 5<sup>th</sup>

- Rotary Club Meeting, 12pm, Denny Ashlock Building

## Sunday, Mar 8<sup>th</sup>

- Daylight Savings time Begins  
"Spring" your clocks forward 1 hour

## Monday, Mar 9<sup>th</sup>

- Central Valley School Board Meeting  
6:30pm, 19307 E. Cataldo Ave.

## Wednesday, Mar 11<sup>th</sup>

- Kiwanis, 6:45am, City Hall
- Senior Lunch, 11am—2pm, Library
- Planning Commission Meeting & Public Hearing, 4pm, City Hall

## Thursday, Mar 12<sup>th</sup>

- Rotary Club Meeting, 12pm, Denny Ashlock Building

## Tuesday, Mar 17<sup>th</sup>

- City Council Meeting, 7pm, City Hall
- St Patrick's Day



## Wednesday, Mar 18<sup>th</sup>

- Kiwanis, 6:45am, City Hall
- Senior Lunch, 11am—1pm, Library
- Sewer / Water Board Meeting, 7pm, Denny Ashlock Building
- Meadowood Homeowner's Association Meeting, 7pm, City Hall

## Thursday, Mar 19<sup>th</sup>

- Rotary Club Meeting, 12pm, Denny Ashlock Building

## Friday, Mar 20<sup>th</sup>

- Spring Begins!!!!

## Monday, Mar 23<sup>rd</sup>

- Central Valley School Board Meeting  
6:30pm, 19307 E. Cataldo Ave.

## Wednesday, Mar 25<sup>th</sup>

- Kiwanis, 6:45am, City Hall
- Senior Lunch, 11am—1pm, Library

## Thursday, Mar 26<sup>th</sup>

- Rotary Club Meeting, 12pm, Denny Ashlock



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